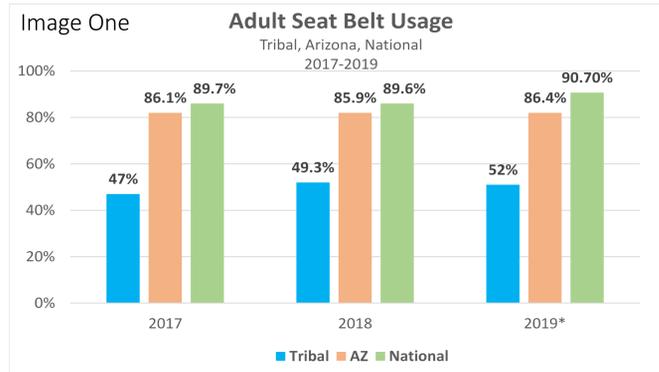


# Tribal Primary Occupant Restraint Law

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## INTRODUCTION

- From 1999-2018, Motor Vehicle Crash (MVC) fatalities were the leading type of fatal unintentional injury among Arizona (AZ) American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN)<sup>1</sup>
- **56%** of AI/AN passenger occupants who die in MVCs were unrestrained at the time of the crash<sup>2</sup>
- From 2011-2018, MVCs were the leading cause of fatal unintentional injury for all ages on AZ Tribal Reservation.<sup>3</sup>



## METHODS

- Revitalized the Local Injury Prevention Coalition
- Reviewed the Tribal Traffic Code
- Gathered Tribal data
- Conducted community surveys, first responder surveys, and key informant interviews
- Created materials and conducted a radio session on the importance of seat belt use
- Developed a presentation for the Tribal Law & Order Committee

Image Two



\*Primary seat belt law: A law enforcement officer can pull a vehicle over and issue a ticket to the driver if someone in the vehicle is not using a seat belt or car seat.

# Proposing a Primary Seat belt Law\* to Reduce Motor Vehicle Crash

## Injuries

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Material

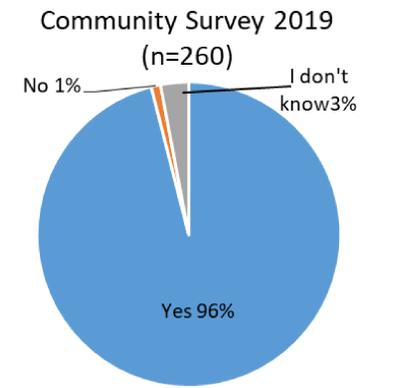


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## RESULTS

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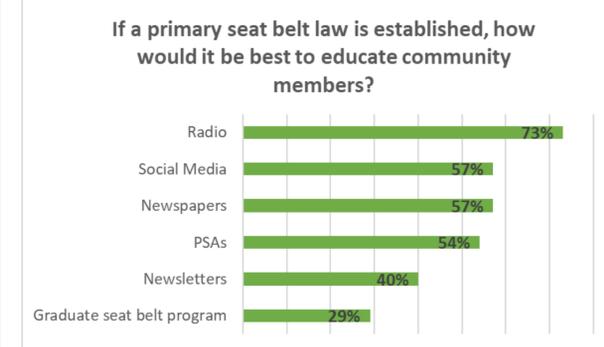


- Primary seat belt law language was accepted.
- The Tribal Law and Order Committee **unanimously** voted to recommend a primary seat belt law to the Tribal Council.

## DISCUSSIONS, IMPACT, & NEXT STEPS

- Overwhelming support from community, first responders, and stakeholders.
- Coalition support played a major role
- Continue outreach to community members via methods below:

Image Four



- Continue to support Law & Order Committee
- Process may be replicated in other communities to adopt a primary seat belt law

Image Five



<sup>1</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) leading causes of death, Arizona. [Online]. (2018). <https://webappa.cdc.gov/cgi-bin/broker.exe>

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